GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways proposes to constitute a special team at major railway stations to attend to railway accident victims and provide them with emergency medical assistance;

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the railways to set up special dedicated medical team at major railway stations instead of the station master; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. There is no proposal to constitute a special team at all major railway stations to attend to railway accident victims. However, Hon'ble High Court at Mumbai had directed Railways to consider the establishment of Emergency Medical Centres at each of those Mumbai suburban stations where more than 100 accidents have taken place in the year 2012. Accordingly Indian Railways have setup Emergency Medical Centres at 14 suburban stations (4 on Central Railway and 10 on Western Railway).
For rendering First Aid Services to railway passengers, First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials are provided with the guards of all passenger carrying trains and Station Masters of all Railway stations. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided at model stations and with the Train Superintendents of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and Guards of nominated trains. Front line staffs deployed at stations and on trains are also trained in rendering First Aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters of all stations have details of doctors, clinics & hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies. Ambulance service of both Railway hospitals and State Governments are utilized when required.
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